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SUBJECT: DEATH OF GOULART

1. PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FORMER PRESIDENT GOULART, WHO WAS DEPOSED BY THE 1964 REVOLUTION, DIED DECEMBER 6 IN URUGUAY. PRESIDENT GEISEL GRANTED PERMISSION FOR GOULART TO BE BURIED IN SAO BORJA, RIO GRANDE DO SUL, BUT RESOLVED NOT TO DECLARE OFFICIAL STATE OF MOURNING BECAUSE FORMER PRESIDENT WAS SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL ACTION AT HIS DEATH.

2. IN CONTRETEMPS AT SENATE, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS HAD ORDERED SENATE FLAG FLOWN AT HALF-MAST FOR GOULART, BUT WHEN GOB REFUSED TO DECLARE OFFICIAL MOURNING, FLAG WAS AGAIN RAISED.

3. MDB PRESIDENT ULYSSES GUIMARAES ISSUED STATEMENT CALLING GOULART "A GOOD MAN WHO DID NOT KNOW HOW TO RESIST THE PRESSURE OF THE RADICALS." MDB LEADER IN THE ASSEMBLY, LAETE VEIRA DECLARED "THIS IS THE HOUR FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION SO THAT ALL BRAZILIANS CAN FIGHT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY." HE EMPHASIZED THAT "GOULART WAS A MAN PROFOUNDLY BRAZILIAN." ON THE ARENA SIDE, SAO PAULO GOVERNOR PAULO EGYDIO, MAGALHAES PINTO, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND OTHER PARTY MEMBERS HAVE LIMITED THEIR COMMENTS TO EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY WHILE AVOIDING SUBSTANTIVE JUDGMENTS ABOUT GOULART'S

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IMPACT ON BRAZILIAN POLITICS.

4. COMMENT. PRESS INDICATES SEVEN PLANE LOADS OF FRIENDS
AND FORMER COLLEAGUES WILL BE FLYING TO BURIAL SERVICES
DECEMBER 7. GOVERNMENT AND MANY BRAZILIANS WILL BE ALERT
FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT SENTIMENT DEMONSTRATED BY MOURNERS DURING
SEPTEMBER KUBITSCHEK FUNERAL. FACT THAT FUNERAL WILL TAKE
PLACE IN REMOTE CITY NEAR ARGENTINE BORDER SHOULD MAKE IT
DIFFICULT FOR LARGE NUMBER OF OPPOSITIONISTS/MOURNERS TO
CONGREGATE.
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